

# Talmadge Sulks— But Hears Pleas For Mrs. Ingram

Special to the Daily Worker

ATLANTA, Dec. 20.—Seventy-five women delegates, Negro and white, crowded into the small office of Gov. Herman Talmadge in the state Capitol Friday to petition for the freedom of Mrs. Rosalie Ingram and her two sons, Wallie and Sam. Audience with the Governor was brief, but, as a

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### Italians Reject Schuman Plan Tie

ROME, Dec. 20.—By 254 votes to 234, the Chamber of Deputies yesterday defeated a government motion to appoint Italian representatives to the Council of Europe and the European Steel and Coal Community, under the so-called Schuman cartel plan.

### Africans Protest Hotel Color Bar

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Dec. 20.—The Basutoland African Congress Friday protested renewal of 10 liquor license in the British protectorate. The Congress charged that paramount chiefs, doctors, and university graduates were compelled to eat in "dirty, unpleasant cubbyholes and store rooms" when they visited the hotels.

### Aussie Official Cites Racism Harm

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 20.—S. G. Middleton, Native Affairs Commissioner of Western Australia, has reported to Parliament that racism "has completely nullified efforts to improve the lot of the aboriginal people, who are dark skinned."

### McCreery Workers Jobless for Yule

Most of 1,100 workers of the James McCreery & Co. department store on 34th Street, will celebrate Christmas without a job. The 117-year-old store made its final sale Saturday and closed for good.

The store's management estimates that some 350 of the workers have either transferred to other stores of the company, including Lord & Taylor. But the rest, many with long seniority, are just out.

### Catholic Bishops Vow Loyalty to Poland

WARSAW, Dec. 20.—All Polish Roman Catholic bishops have taken an oath to work for the development of their country and to combat all anti-Polish policies. The oath includes support of Poland's right to the western territory which German militarists, encouraged by the U. S. State Department, have announced their intention to seize. The Vatican, through its organ L'Osservatore Romano, has declared the oaths invalid.

### Bulgaria Offers to Resume Relations

SOFIA, Dec. 20.—Speaking of an election meeting Premier Vulko Chervenkov declared Friday that Bulgaria was ready to re-establish relations with the U. S., which the Truman Administration broke off on Feb. 20, 1950. He also said Bulgaria was ready to establish normal relations with Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece.

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# GOP Parley Mum On Layoffs, Offers New 'Spy' Smear

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The only concrete Republican objective to emerge from three days of White House conferences with Congressional leaders was an agreement to spread the Brownell-McCarthy "spy" smear technique. The conferences ended Saturday

night with the announcement that a legislative program will be handed the next session of Congress to expand the hounding of "subversives" to all sections of society, rather than have it restricted mainly to "subversives in government."

This was the only piece of real news that came out of the conferences. As one veteran White House reporter put it, on all other questions "the lack of news was terrific." Faced with a deep-going crisis in foreign policy and gathering economic storm domestically, the Administration evaded any solutions and came up with a McCarthyite diversion for new "spy" hunts.

At Saturday's conference Attorney General Herbert Brownell presented the proposal for the enlarged witchhunt. Specifically invited for this session were the two chief Congressional witchhunters, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis), chairman of the Senate Investigating Subcommittee, and Rep. Harold H. Velde (R-Ill), chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

According to a White House announcement, Brownell's proposals called for admission in Federal courts of wiretap evidence in cases involving espionage, treason, sedition, sabotage and certain unspecified general criminal cases.

Brownell's proposals also called for destruction of protection offered by the Fifth Amendment. He proposed legislation which would force a witness before a Congressional Committee to testify against himself despite the Fifth Amendment.

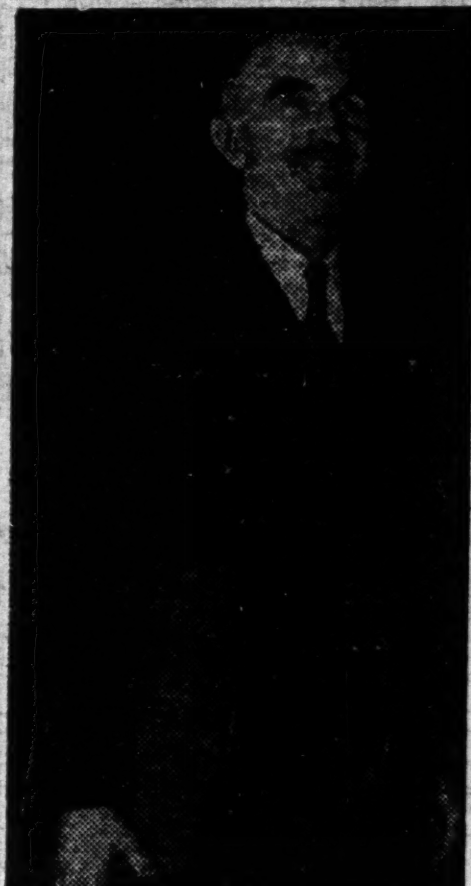
The proposed bill would make it mandatory for a witness to testify on the grounds that he would be granted "immunity" from prosecution based on this testimony. All that would be required under the bill is approval by the Attorney General.

### TRIED ONCE BEFORE

A similar measure was sponsored in the last session of Congress by Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev). It was laid aside, however, after the late Sen. Robert A. Taft, Senate majority leader, pointed out that the measure could result in "immunity baths" for informers.

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MORSE

### Sen. Morse Says Country Is In A "Recession"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind-Ore) said today that the U. S. "is in a recession right now" and there is "great concern about it" across the country.

Morse said bankruptcies increased 28 percent in the last quarter. He added the people are "not getting the facts" because of the Eisenhower policy of "political expediency."

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 20.—President Eisenhower could not again carry the state of Rhode Island if he were running today, Gov. Dennis Roberts said yesterday.

"The Eisenhower campaign promises just haven't been kept," the governor said.

## PRE-CHRISTMAS LAYOFF BY CHRYSLER HIT BY UAW

DETROIT, Dec. 20.—Norman Matthews, director of the Chrysler Division of the CIO United Auto Workers has denounced the company's layoff of 9,200 workers just before Christmas as the result of the firm's "reckless and irresponsible over-scheduling of production during the first half of 1953."

Matthews recalled the union's statement early last year warning of unemployment toward the end of the year if the auto industry didn't stop its overscheduling of production in the first half of the year. But Matthews went on, the corporation "smugly replied, 'We believe we can serve our employees, our stockholders and public best by . . . doing everything we can to make high quality products at competitive prices in the numbers people want at the time people want them.'"

Matthews noted that the same warning was ignored by the other manufacturers in the Detroit area and the same extensive year-end layoffs took place in their plants.

He also refuted the corporation's claim that the layoffs were only for model changeover.

"Today," he said, "the Chrysler Corp., with its changeover to 1954 models completed, has not only laid off an additional 9,200 workers, but it has also scheduled three and four day weeks for thousands of those still at work for the remainder of December."

A recent new protest from the union merely brought a "very sorry" statement from the company.

"The corporation's regrets will put no toys under the Christmas trees or any turkey on the table," said Matthews. "The Chrysler workers' resources have been reduced to nothing by virtually continuous short work weeks since July of this year. And now thousands have been out on the streets. We wonder if the corporation's publicity and advertising men have some suggestions as to what these wretched

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## WE FACE CHRISTMAS WEEK WITH \$4,000 STILL TO GO

From Albuquerque, N.M., a Worker reader found our issue of Dec. 13 so "supereloquent" that he "made haste" to send his contribution to our \$60,000 fund campaign, received Friday.

This, and a number of other donations, gave us some \$470 for the day. This leaves us nearly \$4,000 short of completion as we face Christmas week.

One dollar as YOUR Christmas gift to us, placed in an envelope

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Received Friday	\$470.65
Total so far	\$56,208.54
Still to go	\$3,791.46

Send your contributions to P.O. Box 136, Cooper Station, New York City 3, N.Y.; or bring to 35 E. 12th St., 8th floor.



# Demos to Stress Dewey Regime's Ties to Rackets

By MICHAEL SINGER

Democratic state leaders are convinced that Gov. Dewey and the Republican machine is vulnerable to charges of widespread corruption and mal-administration in GOP ranks.

From now until November, 1954, the Democrats can be expected to hammer away unceasingly at the failure of Dewey to answer a series of penetrating questions into underworld and nefarious activities of top GOP leaders.

A report current in political circles that the Democrats have hired secret investigators to dig into the secret manipulations of Republican big-wigs in gambling, racing and liquor deals, is being taken seriously by Dewey-men.

A sizable section of Demo strategists are hoping that the leadership will tie-up Republican scandal exposures to a general program keyed to reducing the fare, repealing the rent gouge, a strong pro-labor legislative policy, attacks on McCarthyism, and public advocacy of the co-existence recommendations with the Soviet Union enunciated by Adlai Stevenson. It is the belief of many Democratic legislators and officials that the "time is ripe" to go all-out on these bread-and-butter and civil right issues and they cite the complete failure of Mayor Impellitteri to stay on the ballot, much less win votes, by using the anti-Communist hysteria and the Daily Worker opposition as his main campaign program.

On Friday, Richard H. Bakh, Democratic state chairman, gave reporters a fairly good idea of the kind of attack the party will wage against Republicans from here in.

He challenged Dewey to answer eight questions:

1-What were the "other matters" which the Governor at his Nov. 19 press conference said he

was prepared to cite to bring impeachment proceedings against Sen. Wicks?

2-Why did his Dept. of Correction permit a convicted extortionist to run an empire from a state cell? (This was in reference to revelations that a "stream of visitors" to labor racketeer Joey Fay took place at Sing Sing for many months. Sen. Arthur Wicks, majority leader of the Senate, resigned after exposure of his visits to Fay in jail.)

3-What explanation did the governor have for failure of his harness racing commission to take "decisive steps" to check corruption and scandals and "the tie-ups of powerful Republican leaders" and the Westchester and Yonkers harness tracks?

4-What explanation did Dewey have for the action of his Thruway Authority in making a wide loop in the construction of the Super-duper luxury highway "so that it will service the Yonkers racetrack at a reported additional cost of \$12 millions to the taxpayers of the state. Why does the Governor remain silent about the "lucrative \$27 million contracts now being handled by his Thruway Authority to private engineering firms without competitive bidding for work which was once the sole responsibility of the state?"

5-Why hasn't Dewey stopped the "trafficking of liquor licenses and kickbacks" which "have now been revealed on a wholesale scale in the state." What is the governor's explanation for failure by the State Liquor Authority to

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## McCarthy 'Trial' Will Bare Links to Pelley, Pro-Nazi

The Trade Union Veterans Committee yesterday announced it would submit evidence that Sen. Joseph McCarthy had urged a parole for William Dudley Pelley, a convicted pro-Nazi seditionist during World War II.

The committee revealed it had uncovered evidence that in December, 1949, McCarthy had written a letter on behalf of Pelley, who was head of the Silver Shirts, a fascist organization. Pelley, at the time McCarthy urged this release, was known as one of the leading pro-Nazi propagandists in the U.S. The evidence, the committee said, will be submitted at the "trial" of McCarthy to be held at the St. Nicholas Arena Jan. 6.

The committee pointed out that McCarthy's anti-Semitic links are exposed by the support he has received from such racists and pro-Nazis as Gerald L. K. Smith, Joseph P. Kamp, Allan A. Zoll and Merwin K. Hart. Jessie W. Jenkins, a leader of the Ku Klux Klan, has also praised McCarthy.

The prosecution at the trial of McCarthy will be conducted by Attorney Frank Serri, former president of the Brooklyn Bar Association, and associate counsel Russ Nixon, former director of division for investigation of Nazi cartels.

Witnesses for the prosecution include:

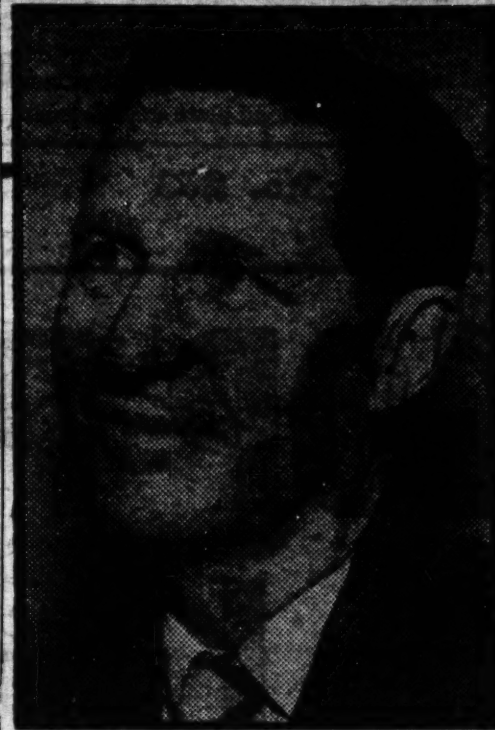
Dr. Corliss Lamont, Dr. Alpheus Hunton, executive secretary of Council on African Affairs; Julius Emspak, secretary-treasurer, United Electrical Workers; Rev. H. Melish, Rockwell Kent, artist; Ben



PELLEY

Gold, president of the Fur and Leather Workers Union; Lester Cole, one of the Hollywood Ten; Howard Fast, world-famous author; Abe Flaxer, unionist; James Aronson, editor of National Guardian; Mrs. Eslande Robeson, anthropologist and author; Albert Kahn, author and president of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order; Lou Spindell, athlete and victim of McCarthyism in the school system; Dr. Melber Phillips, university scientist and victim of McCarthyism; Charles Allen, Jr., former assistant editor of The Nation and author of a forthcoming book on McCarthyism.

## Professors in Japan in Plea For Dr. Phillips



PHILLIPS

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—Japanese intellectuals joined in the demand that the stoolpigeon question put to Dr. Herbert J. Phillips in the Northwest Smith Act trial be withdrawn. Special Prosecutor Tracy Griffin has disclosed here.

Speaking before the King county bar association Dec. 9, Griffin referred contemptuously to "fan mail" from opponents of the Smith Act. He mentioned a letter from professors of various Japanese universities, including the head of the Japanese philosophical society, demanding he withdraw the question that led to Dr. Phillips' jailing.

## 1,000 at Amnesty Rally Stirred By Plea of Bob Thompson's Wife

By MILTON HOWARD

NEARLY 1,000 PEOPLE came to the downtown meeting hall on the frosty, raw night, Thursday. The image of that valiant group of Americans raising their voices for decency in this land where brutish McCarthyism wants to kill reason, justice and kindness, is a greatly encouraging one.

There is another image in this amnesty meeting, called by the hard-working Amnesty Committee for the Smith Act victims, which does not leave me. It has haunted me for days. It is the image given to us by Leona Thompson, wife of New York Communist leader, Robert Thompson.

Bob Thompson had just escaped death at the hands of a political assassin in the Federal House of Detention. Bob had not seen his wife or children for two years. Judge Medina's three-year jail sentence hung over him. Now a sly judge hurled another four years at him for "contempt." This is a new crime. They invented it for Communists alone who become political refugees.

Outside the three-year jail sentence handed to Gus Hall for the same "crime," this is the first such indictment ever handed down since the founding of the U.S.A. The judge gave Bob Thompson one more year for the alleged "contempt" involved in his becoming a political refugee than he got for the alleged "conspiracy to teach the overthrow of the government."

LEONA THOMPSON was telling us of how she and her daughter, Ellen, aged 12, got to see Thompson down in the cellar of the Tombs Prison. She said, as the audience hung on every word:

"At the last moment, the judge gave us a small favor. He allowed my daughter and myself to lunch with my husband in the bull pen where the prisoners on trial are interned in the basement of the building. The bull pen is a large cell in a series of cells. Its furniture consists of a circular bench, a toilet, a

## Florida Troopers Aid Scab Trucks in Container Strike

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 20.—State troopers of Hillsborough and Polk counties were called out last week to escort trucks loaded with cans through pickets at the struck Continental Can Co. plant in nearby Tuburndale. A total of 36 patrol cars and 80 patrolmen escorted trucks to citrus companies 1,000 yards from the struck can plant.

State Highway Patrol Director H. N. Kirkman said, "We entered into the situation strictly as a traffic problem."

In the meantime, striking workers, members of the CIO United Steelworkers discovered that the no-raiding pact signed by the AFL and CIO did not stop an AFL union here from raiding and organizing a strikebreaking movement in "collusion," they charge, with the company.

The AFL union is the International Union of Operating Engineers whose official announced it plans to seek a National Labor Relations Board election. The AFL union has been bombarding the strikers with mailed appeals to shift affiliation.

Pedro Perez, president of the striking steel local, declared, "There is no other way than by collusion with the company, that the AFL could get a complete mailing list. The company and the AFL are working together to start

a back-to-work movement." Meanwhile, the AFL's and CIO's central councils in Tampa issued a joint statement declaring that "in view of the no-raiding pact" between the AFL and CIO, these bodies are not participating in the can situation.

The strike of the United Steelworkers, rounding out a month, affects 33,000 workers in American Can and the Continental Can plants across the country.

Steelworkers union officials were bitter as Florida's Gov. Jones for ordering state troopers for strikebreaking duty.

"We are dumbfounded and amazed," protested R. G. Davidson, international representative of the union to the governor, "that a man with your labor background should lend his office and the state highway patrol to strikebreaking tactics."

"We find it hard to believe that a man who professes to have been a good union member, should order 36 state patrol cars and about 80 patrolmen, most of whom confessed a dislike to the job they were doing to harass and intimidate a handful of peaceful pickets and capture four of them, jail them incommunicado several hours inside the company's plant without warrants, without charges and without explanation."

sink, and a rubbish can in the center of the room. And, oh yes, a grated locked door.

"Here sat my daughter with her father, seeing him for the first time since his accident. 'Mommy, I am touching daddy, I am touching him' she said. When speech had sung itself into quietness, something happened in that pen I believed has never happened before in a bull pen. She danced for him, for Bob. Her dancing was a pattern of loneliness, of hope, of the joy of youth, of the promises of tomorrow. For one-half hour the bleakness faded. The bull pen became our living room. We were home together—two parents sharing the joy of their child."

How proudly Leona Thompson spoke these words to the Americans—friends, neighbors, citizens—who came to raise the cry for "Amnesty!" to the President of the United States. This cry has within it the courage to challenge the McCarthyite fascists, the keenness to challenge the madness of the "spy" hysterics, the warmth to challenge the inhumanity of the frightened witchhunters.

There was more than the gasp, more than one tear.

The young and ardent daughter dancing her love for Bob Thompson, whose drawn face, with its tranquil and strong eyes, we had seen in the courtroom only the other day—this is the image which should burn into conscience, of America and awaken it to its duty in these fear-ridden days.

What did Bob Thompson think as he saw his girl Ellen dancing her girlish ways before him? What pride, what strength, what pain stirred his heart and soul? That scene, worthy of a great poet, was the triumph of the Thompsons and all the good people of our land over the cruel, the wicked and cowardly who torment the people.

THE GREAT AND GOOD scholar, D. W.E.B. Du Bois, said that amnesty was granted even to the men of slavery and

violence who tried to overthrow the government in the Civil War. Dorothy Parker, warm-hearted and true to her mission as an artist, cried out "They want to forget those in prison. But they'll not be forgotten! They say to us, 'You may not think! Soon they'll try to jail us for saying, 'Isn't it awful!'"

Carl Marzani, Dr. Edward Barsky who lives in the traditions of the great physicians for whom human life in its dignity is the essence of his science, and the freedom-loving Baltimore attorney, Royal W. France—all spoke to beat back the tyranny of the thought controllers. Amnesty for political victims strengthens democracy and decency for all.

As we met, the news was coming of the great waves of amnesty sweeping other countries where the people cried out "Amnesty" in the name of the Agitator who was crucified for "stirring up the people."

In West Germany, the men of the gas chambers, the killers of babies, are being amnestied. Washington signs these amnesties with eagerness. But here we still have the shame of no amnesty for the good men and women who have done no wrong except to preach peace and brotherhood.

The thousand men and women sent their message to the White House on Thursday. Let us all follow their example. Let Ellen dance for her father not in the bull pen in jail but at home.

## Poll at Westinghouse Phila. Unit Ordered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The NLRB today ordered an election at the South Philadelphia plant of Westinghouse Corp. within 30 days for production workers among the United Electrical Workers, the CIO International Union of Electrical Workers and the AFL Machinists' Union.

The board ruled, however, that an election could not be held among salaried employees until the UE contract expires next June 30.



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### Laniel Gets 432 Votes on 8th Ballot

VERSAILLES, France, Dec. 20.—Premier Joseph Laniel gained votes today in the eighth ballot for the French Presidency. Laniel now has 432 votes.

### Czechs Cut Taxes

PRAGUE, Dec. 20.—Czechoslovakia has ordered a general tax reduction up to as much as 65 percent in some cases of bachelors and childless couples, and from 25 to 33 1/3 percent on merchants' incomes.

### Occupation Costs

#### Bane on Bonn Budget

BONN, Dec. 20.—But for the one billion marks owed the U. S., Britain and France for occupation costs this year, the budget of the West German Federal Republic could be balanced, spokesmen of state governments said today. Relief from occupation forces has been proposed repeatedly by both the Soviet Union and the German Democratic Republic.

### Pakistan Denies U.S. to Get Bases

KARACHI, Pakistan, Dec. 20.—Following a wave of protests throughout Southeast Asia and the Middle East, the Pakistan government in a reply to a Soviet note, denied it intends to grant military bases to the U. S.

### West Germans Also To Develop Atom

BONN, Dec. 20.—A so-called nuclear "research center" is being readied at Munich, it was learned today.

### Shah Decrees New Elections in Iran

TEHERAN, Dec. 20.—A decree dissolving Parliament and authorizing new elections was signed yesterday by the Shah.

### Oldest Pyramid Unearthed in Egypt

CAIRO, Dec. 20.—A pyramid of the Second Dynasty, oldest dressed stone structure in existence, is being unearthed at Sakkara. The pyramid is believed to be 6,500 years old.

### Philippine Army Still Killing Huks

MANILA, Dec. 20.—Philippine Army headquarters announced last Friday that six more Hukbalahap peasants were killed and six more wounded in clashes on Luzon Island.

### Baltimore Appoints Negro Firemen

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—The city last week graduated nine Negro firemen and appointed 13 more, all of whom will be assigned to various firefighting companies throughout the city. This is first time that the white-only rule, in existence for more than 100 years, has been broken in the city's fire department.

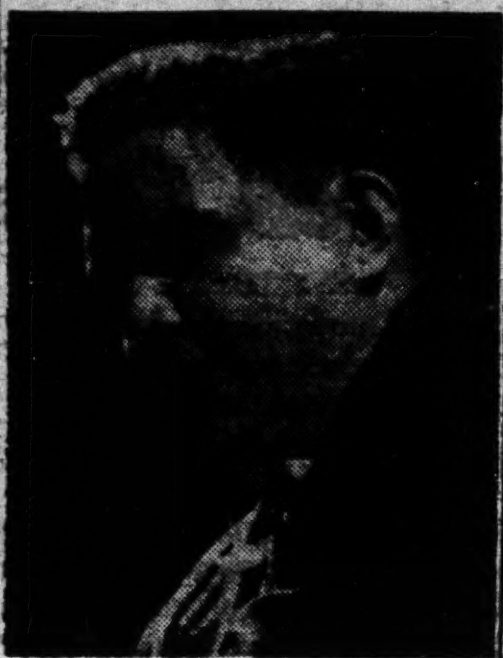
### Curbs Increased In British Guiana

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, Dec. 20.—The British Governor here outlawed three more organizations last night and banned more publications, including the Soviet Weekly and the periodical put out by the Cominform.

### Farmers' Income Cut by 2 Billions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Farmers suffered a \$2,000,000,000 cut in income this year, the Agriculture Department reported today.

## Thompson Taken To Atlanta



THOMPSON

Robert Thompson, Communist leader and war hero, was taken Saturday to the Federal penitentiary in Atlanta, following the vicious four-year sentence imposed on him by Judge Gregory F. Noonan.

This unprecedented sentence for alleged contempt because he was a political refugee was added to the three-year sentence under the Smith Act.

## Anti-Depression Parleys Held by Mine, Mill Union

DENVER, Dec. 20.—Four conferences were held last week by area leaders of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers to combat depression and unemployment in the non-ferrous metal industry. The meetings, held in Spokane, Wash.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Ely, Nev. and Danville, Ill., made plans to meet with congressmen and seek the support of community organizations.

Other conferences are being held throughout the U.S., including a meeting of the union's Canadian Council, in Toronto.

A program adopted by the union's executive board was approved by the area conferences. It includes:

1. Relief through a law to provide direct federal assistance over and above present unemployment compensation payments, through wage increases to workers who are still employed, and through increased tax exemptions for those earning \$5,000 and under.
2. Passage of the Murray Premium Price Plan Bill, S-1539, to help small and marginal mine operators.
3. A large scale public works program.
4. Steps to increase foreign consumption of metals and metal goods, such as "removing all barriers to world trade, including those between the eastern and western halves."

### Czech Champion To Run in Brazil

SÃO PAULO, Brazil, Dec. 20.—Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia, holder of five world distance running records, has accepted an invitation to compete in the 7,300-meter (about 4 1/2 miles) Sao Silvestre, cross-country race here New Year's Eve.

# Detroit Trial Reveals Ford Spy Service Still Active

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT, Dec. 20.—The notorious union-busting spy organization, the Ford Service Department, still operates. This was revealed by one of its agents, Steve Simmons, a stoolpigeon who infiltrated Young Communist League and Communist Party ranks back

in 1938 and is a witness in the frameup of six Communist leaders now going on in Federal Judge Frank Picard's court.

Nat Ganley, Saul Wellman and Thomas Dennis, Jr., are their own counsel in this trial, while Helen Winter, Philip Schatz and William Allan are defended by Ernest Goodman.

Simmons revealed that the investigative department of the Ford Service Dept. had the assignment to investigate "Communists," because they agitate for unions.

In this period of McCarthyism Ford seeks to legalize anti-union service department on the grounds of "hunting subversives."

The news that there is in operation an investigative department at Ford is expected to arouse demands for its abolition. It's a spy organization, aimed at labor and all Simmons' assurances that it's only for "investigation of subversives" will not fool anyone.

On the stand last week, Simmons lost no time in testifying that in 1942 a YCL speaker told a meeting that "the Communist Party will always fight for the overthrow of the government by force and violence." He admitted the Communists were fighting fascism at that time.

The role the Ford Service Department is playing in this frameup is seen by its agents' activity.

Joseph Kornfedder, a long-time professional witness for the government, also a Ford agent, was found in the jury chambers during the present trial.

Another Ford agent, Milton Santwire, who works as a gas patrolman in the Ford Rouge plant, testified last week.

Santwire, an FBI plant sent into the Communist Party in 1942, said he didn't "remember" leaflets of which 100,000 were distributed against speedup. He finally admitted to seeing distributed a leaf-

let issued by the Michigan Worker that told of a Ford worker named Caruso whom the company sent home to starve without a job, a few weeks after they had given him a gold button for 25 years of service.

Judge Frank Picard barred presentation of the leaflet, as well as another leaflet issued by the CP that dealt with Ford making profits through speedup.

In what was supposed to be a conference away from earshot of the jury, the judge's voice was heard refusing to allow the defendants to introduce the leaflets, and loudly ordering the three defendants, Thomas Dennis, Jr., Saul Wellman and Nat Ganley to "sit down."

Court observers were somewhat perplexed at the heat the judge generated when leaflets exposing Ford speedup were introduced.

He then said the only evidence he would allow would be about force and violence.

Another witness last week was Beatrice Churchill, an FBI plant inside the CP, who admitted under cross-examination that she turned in the name of her third husband to the FBI after she had urged him to join the CP. Local newspapers report this third husband left her a week ago.

#### COLD-BLOODED

Asked by defense attorney Ernest Goodman how she felt about what happened to workers' children whose parents lost jobs because she had reported them as Communists to General Motors and other companies, this cold-blooded informer replied:

"They should have thought about their children before they joined the Communist Party. They weren't considering their children so why should I?"

She got \$50 a month from 1946 to 1947 from the FBI, then she

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## Only 19,056 Dockers Here of 42,286 Held Eligible to Vote

Only 19,056 longshoremen of the 42,286 who worked on the New York docks for the year ending Sept. 30 worked 700 or more hours, it was disclosed as the NLRB set its machinery in shape for balloting tomorrow and Wednesday. The Brooklyn dockers will vote Wednesday.

The procedure set by the NLRB in the election between the old International Longshoremen's Association and the new AFL-ILA qualifies only those who worked 700 or more hours.

In addition to the longshoremen, 196 cargo repairmen, 2,446 checkers, 150 dock bosses, 223 clerks, 286 temporary assistants and 355 other clerks; 708 carpenters, 49 snappers, 42 temporary foremen and 545 other workers will vote.

The AFL tried in vain to split off some of those groups into separate voting units.

A total of 24,156 will be eligible of about 50,000 who worked some hours during the year.

The shipowners who released the figures, also disclosed that nearly a third of the workers, 15,206, worked 1,200 or more hours and earned an average of \$94.34 weekly. It is this group that will probably cast the decisive ballot. Most of these are in steady gangs and get the "cream" of the available work.

The \$2.27 an hour affords a living to only a handful among the workers that get fairly regular employment.

Capt. William V. Bradley, president of the ILA said the union's locals will hold an election Jan. 1 as the first step to "democratize" union machinery.

## Detroit Cops Hunt Five Convicts

DETROIT, Dec. 20.—Police armed with machineguns patrolled Detroit's streets in 100 squad cars today searching for five dangerous convicts who escaped from the penitentiary yesterday, kidnaped two women as hostages and then let the mgo.

The women told officers that the convicts had not harmed them and acted like "perfect gentlemen."

The five were among 13 con-

victs who cut their way out of the southern Michigan prison at Jackson with a blowtorch. Six were captured after a stolen car overturned and another was seized in a woods near Jackson.

One was still at large somewhere in the Jackson area but the other five were believed still in Detroit.

The women they abducted bore up well under their ordeal. "They were perfect gentlemen

every minute of the way," said Mrs. Mary Lou Watts, 28. "They seemed concerned about our welfare."

The women were released only after the stolen kidnap car had run out of gas. The fugitives gave the pair \$1 with which to buy gasoline, but they used the money to take a taxicab to the nearest police station.

Police sealed off every main artery to and from the city and patrolled the streets.

## Fight Speedup, Pay Cuts at Louisville GE

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 20 (FP).—

Speedup and rate cutting were blamed for a walkout that closed down General Electric Co.'s new appliance plant here for the first time.

Members of Local 76, CIO International Union of Electrical Radio & Machine Workers quit work to discuss issues that have caused much unrest at the runaway shop. IUE is bargaining agent for 2,200 production and maintenance workers at the plant.

Trouble started when the company removed one man from a six-man crew that was crating home washers. The other five walked off the job. They were followed by 20 workers just ahead of them on the assembly line. This resulted in 150 more being sent home.

The next morning pickets stopped everybody from entering the plant. They went to a union meeting where the company was accused of cutting rates and holding incentive earnings to 10 percent above the job rate. Union leaders said the incentive rate should be 25 percent higher.

The company was also charged with job-rating work at other plants and then bringing it here to be done at a lower rate. GE has been accused of building the plant here in an effort to take advantage of lower wage rates in the south.

The workers voted to begin a full-fledged strike Jan. 10 unless union officers are able to get a satisfactory settlement of their grievances by that date. They returned to work after keeping the plant shut for the first shift.

## Bar U.S. Action On Civil Rights in Kentucky Town

FALMOUTH, Ky., Dec. 20 (FP).—

The Justice Department had handed down a broad interpretation of states' rights as a result of a dispute arising here. The department ruled in effect that local rights take precedence where civil rights are concerned.

Sam Ezella secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Federation of Labor, had asked the FBI to investigate charges that city officials stopped Olga Moranski, an organizer for the AFL United Garment Workers, from contacting workers at a textile plant here.

Miss Moranski said a Falmouth policeman told her she could not speak to the workers without a solicitor's permit. When she tried to buy permit, she was told none were for sale. After the FBI refused to investigate, Ezella wrote to the Justice Department in Washington. The department wrote back:

"After carefully considering the facts reported, we were compelled to conclude that the situation presented was one not warranting intervention by the department. It appears that under local law the police officer was authorized to stop solicitation without a license. It appears also that the licensing authority was empowered to grant or deny a license."

Make a note now. Send holiday greetings to JOSEPH BRANDT, Cuyahoga County Jail, Cleveland, Ohio, a victim of the Smith Act.



## World of Labor

by George Morris



### As Longshoremen Go To the Polls Tomorrow

THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD has set tomorrow for the balloting to determine whether the International Longshoremen's Association or the AFL would be collective bargaining agent for the entire port of New York. The decision apparently took the New York Times, and presumably the rest of New York's big dailies, by surprise. They had been plugging hard for the AFL, and feel that unless more time is given, the ILA is sure to win. Gov. Dewey too seems to be disturbed by the decision.

The Times' editorial goes as far as to plead with the NLRB to "remedy an honest mistake" and reconsider its decision, postpone the election, that is, or it will "unwittingly" give victory to the ILA.

The feeling of the New York Times only confirms the trend we have observed for some time. As matters stand at this moment it would be surprising, indeed, if the AFL won.

THE TIME ELEMENT isn't much of a factor. The AFL had the newspapers on its side. The New York Waterfront Commission, operator of the state-installed fink hall, is cooperating with the AFL. The state governments of New York and New Jersey are helping the AFL. And the AFL has been spending unlimited funds for a daily bombardment of leaflets on the waterfront. The AFL's partisans cannot complain of serious disadvantages in the situation.

But there are a number of

more weighty factors that will work to the ILA's advantage and will most likely decide the contest its way Tuesday.

The key issue in the picture is the stand on the newly-installed state-operated hiring hall—the indoor shapeup. On that issue the ILA's position was unequivocally against government control of hiring. The AFL at first announced its support of the system. Then, realizing the sentiment of the workers and that this was a suicidal position, began to double-talk. Its latest leaflets even declare flat-footed opposition to the government hiring hall. But it is unlikely that many longshoremen will take the AFL's reversal seriously.

JOHN L. LEWIS' entry into the situation with a loan of \$50,000 to the bankrupt ILA is far more than financial support. Lewis wouldn't lay United Mine Workers money on a race he expects to lose. His prestige is high among longshoremen as among other workers. Mine union support makes up for a weakness the ILA felt since it was expelled by the AFL—its lack of a "home." It also gives longshoremen, who are generally distrustful of most ILA leaders, a feeling that another force other than those now at the head of the ILA, will have some influence on its course and future.

The ILA, because of its opposition to the government fink hall, has the support of most major CIO, AFL and independent maritime unions. The National Maritime Union has openly ex-

pressed preference for the ILA. This seems to be the position of all CIO unions in the field.

The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union on the West Coast is supporting the position of the ILA on the hiring hall.

The AFL's Master, Mates and Pilots opposed expulsion of the ILA at the AFL convention.

THE AFL is unable to challenge the ILA in other ports along the Atlantic and Gulf. Many longshoremen will probably recognize this and not vote to split New York from the coast.

The AFL's argument before the NLRB for several craft units among the longshoremen who for decades have been an all-inclusive unit of all workers employed on the docks—longshoremen, checkers, cargo repairmen, carpenters and others—is not likely to win it any support.

The elimination of Joe Ryan, who more than any other person brought discredit upon the ILA, may also help make the ILA a little more palatable to some longshoremen. The AFL's shouting about gangsterism and racketeering in the ILA is not likely to be as big a vote-catcher as some think because every longshoreman knows that for some 30 years this gangsterism and Joe Ryan have been both tolerated and covered up by the AFL's leaders.

It is hardly likely that the shower of last minute demagoguery, charges and counter-charges will to any degree lessen the confusion on the waterfront. Most longshoremen are quite sick and tired of the whole situation, because they see that only the shipowners really enjoy it. Nobody on the waterfront is really enthusiastic for one or the other side. The longshoreman's problem as he thinks of his vote tomorrow is to cast the ballot that would best preserve the unity of the longshoremen. He is not likely to ask whether the AFL is better than the ILA but whether the AFL offers an inducement for a change.

## PEACE NOTEBOOK:

### College Students Tell Columnist!

LEST THERE BE any idea that American voices for peace died away, it should be explained that the sole reason for the nonappearance of this column for some time was the technical inability of the column's conductor to get to the task. As a matter of fact the clippings and informative letters from all around the land are piled so high on this desk that it is difficult to know where to start. There is enough material for a hundred peace columns, literally. This little note will also serve as an apology to those who sent clippings and may have been baffled by the failure of the column to appear. We will try to eventually use all that did not become outdated. And keep them coming, please. Now to the exciting material:

#### "We Will Be Silent No Longer . . ."

#### "A Right To Be Concerned"

HERE IS a letter sent by eight young people of Oxford, Ohio, to the Cincinnati Post to answer a column by the nationally syndicated Robert Ruark. It speaks eloquently for itself, and for the overwhelming majority of the youth of our land: The letter was headlined "On Ruark's Advice to College Students":

"In a recent Post column, Mr. Robert Ruark gave what he believed to be his best advice to the college students of America. His advice was, in effect, 'Do not think—drink and make merry.' While sighing for his own days at college, and the click of gin bottle against pocket flask, Mr. Ruark gravely counsels the present college generation to concentrate less on politics and world problems and concentrate more on panty raids, hunting of the elusive co-ed, and drinking.

"While it is tempting to succumb to Mr. Ruark's siren of frivolity, we, as university students, must point out to him that it was not for this reason that the first American university was founded; nor is it for this reason that each state supports at least one university; nor is it for this reason that government offers war veterans free education; nor is it for this reason that parents send sons and daughters to the university, and lastly, it is not for this reason that most of us have enrolled in a university.

"As Mr. Ruark may have forgotten, universities were founded to teach men to reason and to be able citizens. If universities fail to teach or we students fail to learn, then let us raze the buildings and burn the books. But as universities continue to teach and we continue to learn, let Mr. Ruark stick to his gossipy last.

"We have been called 'The Silent Generation.' We have been silent because we have been listening. We have been listening to Mr. Ruark and other members of the 'Lost Generation.' And we no longer like what we hear. We no longer like being guinea pigs for the latest war weapons. We no longer like living in a world gone mad. We no longer like being unable to speak our minds. We will be silent no longer.

"F. W. FOERSTE, NANCY BITTLE, SALLIE LINDENAU, JEROME HANKEN, DONALD CLAPP, HILDEBERT VAN BUREN IV, GLENDON DRAKE, BARBARA HOFACKER, all of Oxford, O."

SIMILARLY ANSWERING a columnist and stressing the question of youth's very personal concern with the way things are run is this letter to the New York Journal American:

"Several weeks ago one of your columnists made fun of youth for concerning themselves with foreign affairs. I'm a retired rural minister. For years I ran baseball and basketball leagues for boys. During World War II and the Korean War I kept in touch with 600 boys and knew well 14 who were killed. Youth will do the dying if there's another war. I think they have a right to be concerned with foreign affairs.

"REV. OTIS MOORE.

"New York City."

### INHUMANITY IN DETROIT: THE CASE OF HELEN WINTER

THERE COULD BE no better example of the disregard for human values and long-accepted common decency fostered by McCarthyism than the case of Mrs. Helen Winter, Detroit Smith Act defendant.

She and her husband Carl Winter are one of six married couples indicted under the Smith Act; they have an 11 year-old daughter, Michele. Carl Winter is already serving a five-year Smith Act sentence. Mrs. Winter, now on trial, has been a semi-invalid for the past year, due to a painful condition of thrombo-phlebitis in both legs; a recent hospital check-up further showed her to be suffering from arthritis in both hips and the lower part of the spine.

A plea that her case be severed from that of the other defendants, was rejected by the judge, who however permitted Mrs. Winter to leave the court room and walk about to ease her intolerable pain, while the jury was picked!

Letters urging severance of Mrs. Winter's case may be addressed to Judge Frank Picard, Federal Court House, Detroit, Mich.

(Quoted from the monthly news letter issued by the National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act victims, 667 Madison Avenue, New York City 21, Room 611).

## Of Things to Come

by John Pittman

### Differences About Eisenhower's Atom Plan

THE REAL CORE of President Eisenhower's Dec. 8 atomic energy proposal was not—according to British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden—the suggestion of a UN-controlled world pool of uranium left over from weapons production.

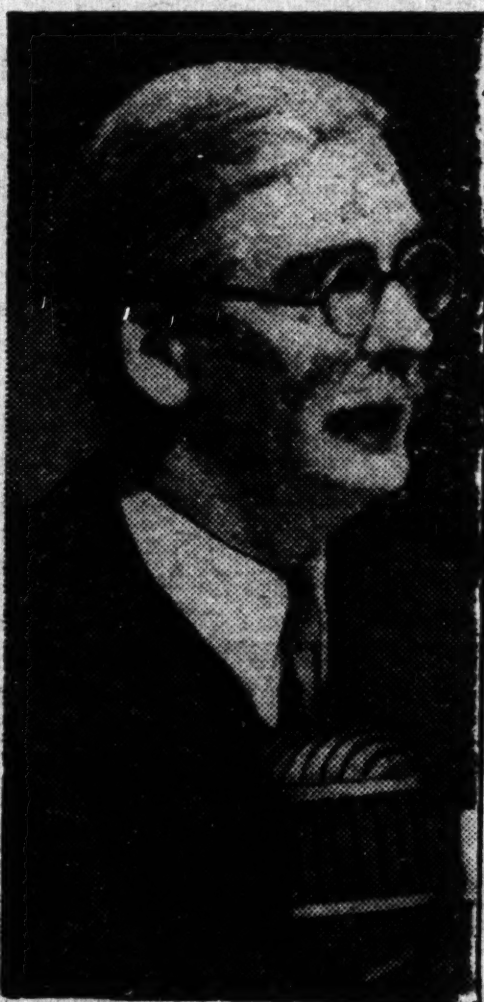
It was, said Eden in the House of Commons Dec. 17, Eisenhower's offer of a private meeting with Britain, Canada and the Soviet Union to discuss atomic matters.

"If the Soviet Government will come to these discussions and discuss these problems under United Nations auspices," Eden declared, "they will not find the United States Government, from what we know of their position, ungenerous in their attitude."

The pledge to be generous, it is recalled, was also part of Eisenhower's text.

And this theme of "generosity" was emphasized by Prime Minister Churchill, who also told the Commons that he is "sure" that Eisenhower's proposals, "limited though they are in scope," were inspired by "sincerity and altruistic good will."

WE AMERICANS passionately desire to believe Eden and Churchill. We share with all other peoples the universal horror at the prospect of atomic war. No less than the British, the French, the Soviet peoples or the Chinese, we want not



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merely to reduce the probability of atomic war, but to eliminate its very possibility.

Hence, precisely for this reason, we feel the absolute necessity of being honest with ourselves. To kid ourselves in this case could be fatal.

We have to face the fact

that neither Eden nor Churchill are telling the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Would Churchill, for instance, ascribe to Eisenhower's "sincerity and altruistic good will" the fact—as he told Commons—that "the Americans agreed to exchange information with us about the effect on various targets of atomic explosions?"

I doubt it. Churchill is no novice in the use of political falsehood, but to make such a statement to the Commons, who after all are not a pack of fools, would be too obvious a fraud.

The facts are too well known: how the U.S. Atomic Control Act of 1946 shut the British out of U.S. atomic developments, after British scientists had made many contributions to the production of the bomb; how the British, in turn, shut out the United States from their development, excluding U.S. observers from their explosions at the Woomera Rocket Range in Australia; how the British forged ahead of the U.S. in defensive interceptor weapons and toward industrial application of atomic energy.

This is the history of the U.S. agreement now to share some information with Britain on the effects of atomic weapons. Churchill didn't say so, but the New York Times on Dec. 18 indicated what the British feel about Eisenhower's decision to share information:

"Now, the British feel, the United States has come around (Continued on Page 8)



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## WAGNER'S FIRST TEST

A PROPOSAL by Mayor-elect Robert Wagner, that terms eventually negotiated for the city's 44,000 transit workers be retroactive to Jan. 1, was immediately accepted by the Transit Workers Union. On that ground the TWU agreed to call off the strike scheduled to begin Jan. 1.

But there is still a question whether the recently established Transit Authority—set up as an agency under Gov. Dewey's control—will pay much attention to, or co-operate with Wagner's effort to obtain a settlement.

The Mayor-elect's proposal also calls for renewal of bargaining in good faith and, if no agreement is reached, the naming by him of a fact-finding body to bring in a recommendation.

In view of the TWU's acceptance of the procedure, the workers and the subway riders expect the Mayor-elect, as he assumes office, to tell the members of the Transit Authority in no uncertain terms that they should stop stalling and get down to real bargaining.

In agreeing to the proposal, the workers obviously show confidence in the new Mayor who was elected on a New Deal type program. The whole trade union movement—the backbone of Wagner's support—will be watching this first test to see whether the tools of the corporations in the Transit Authority can have their way, or the city's voters.

## THE GOP CONFERENCE

FOR THREE DAYS every important Republican figure in Congress and the Administration huddled in the White House. The area swarmed with reporters and photographers. At the end of each day, official White House communiques were issued.

There were big problems facing the country and the world—Big Power negotiations to ease world tensions, layoffs, the farm crisis, taxes, expanded social security coverage, housing, public power, Taft-Hartley, etc.

But the newspapermen searched the communiques in vain for answers to these questions. After the final conference days, these Republican leaders came up with their solution for the ills of the nation and the world:

"PRESIDENT PLEDGES TOUGHER RED DRIVE AS HIGH TALKS END," read the headline in the New York Times.

THIS WAS the only concrete objective agreed to after three days of high-level parleys. It was an objective that got the blessing of McCarthy and Rep. Velde, head of the House Un-American Committee, both of whom were invited to the conference where this program was put forward.

And the man who spelled it out on behalf of the Administration was Attorney General Herbert Brownell, the man who even charged a former President with "disloyalty."

Main gimmick by which this "legislative program" would be enacted is a bill depriving witnesses of the right to protection under the Fifth Amendment when appearing before Congressional witchhunt committees.

This bill, when it was proposed in the last session of Congress, was so raw that it was even opposed by the late Sen. Taft on the ground that it would provide "immunity baths" for bought-and-paid-for stoolpigeons who could accuse any person of every imaginable "crime" without fear of prosecution themselves.

Under this bill a witness could not invoke the Fifth Amendment against possible self-incrimination if the Attorney General stated there would be no prosecution of the witness on the basis of his testimony.

The upshot of this ballyhooed three-day GOP conference amounts to a victory for McCarthyism and a personal victory for McCarthy. The fraudulent fight against "subversion" and "espionage" has thus become the main program of the Republican Party high command.

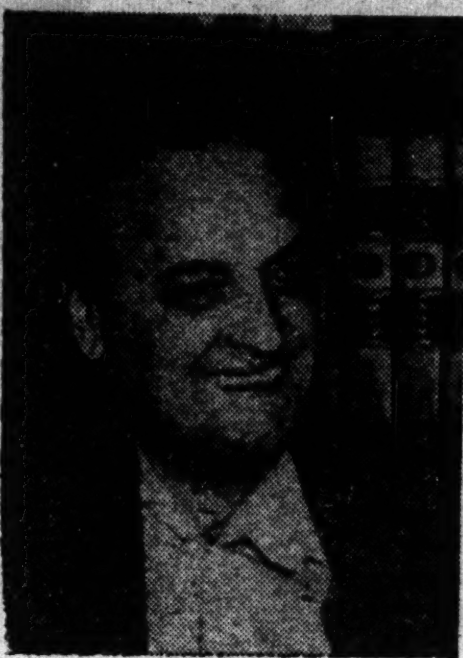
McCarthy has called the signals and Gen. Eisenhower has followed through. One is reminded of another general, Von Hindenburg, who danced to the tune played by another fascist, Hitler.

Let nobody think that this is aimed at Communists alone. The game is much larger than that, as Brownell showed in his attack on Truman.

The unions increasingly have come to recognize that McCarthyism is fascism—and fascism is dictatorship of Big Business, with labor the first victim.

It is now up to labor to take the lead in blocking the road to McCarthyism, to fascism. This can be done by labor uniting its efforts at every level and joining with other sections of the population to block Congressional assaults on our liberties, to win anti-depression legislation and a program for peace. This is the basis for electing a pro-labor, pro-peace Congress in 1954.

This is the way to stop the McCarthyite-fascists.



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## Coast Demos To Make Issue Of Civil Rights

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—A democratic party spokesman has promised that his party will center its 1954 campaign around the Republican attack on civil liberties.

The promise was voiced by A. Philip Burton who represented the Young Democrats in a debate with members of the Young Republicans here. Burton's remarks evoked the most enthusiastic applause.

The Velde Un-American committee, recently in San Francisco, came in for special attack by Burton. He referred to it as "... that investigative circus which has long since arrogated to themselves the function of the judiciary."

"We have courts for law violators," Burton said, and charged the only purpose of the committee was "... to create unhealthy fear and suspicion, turn brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor, and to create the situation where we fear to talk over the phone."

The audience of 200 at the debate, last of three between the two political groups, heard attorney Donald C. McNeil, young GOP spokesman, promise a "crisis for the next generation."

Young Democrat Vincent J. Mutari, an insurance adjuster, joined Burton in attacking curtailment of civil rights.

Burton cited the recent election results in Wisconsin, New Jersey and Los Angeles as a "... clear statement by voters that the present administration should be turned out of office."

## A Wife's Yule Plea to Save Husband's Life

An American wife and mother is sitting at her table sending out a Christmas letter to hundreds of people.

It is an unusual Christmas letter. It is a plea for life, for a man's life, the life of her husband.

Mrs. Theresa Onda is asking her fellow-Americans to help her save the life of her husband, the courageous patriot, Andy Onda. Here is her letter:

Dear Friend:

Will you please read this very carefully? It is not just another letter.

This is the season of Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men. The State Court of Pennsylvania has ordered Andy Onda to leave his sick bed in New York and present himself in the Pittsburgh court on January 5, to be sentenced to a possible 20 years in jail.

It is with deep love and pride that I tell you Andy Onda is my husband and the father of our two children, steel worker, miner and a leader of the Communist Party. His crime? Love for mankind and belief in the brotherhood of man. Devotion of his whole adult life and strength to advance every struggle of the working class and the Negro people toward a happy secure life, and peace in the world! The State Court of Pennsylvania calls it sedition!

I hold Andy's life very dear and precious. I am very much alarmed by the sinister meaning of this court order. Today Andy is very seriously ill with a very badly damaged heart. He has just been home a short time from the hospital after suffering a stroke. I have been so desperately fearful that something would happen to prevent him from having the care and attention that is so necessary now for his recovery and preserving his life. The peace of mind and contentment that he needs, and has from basking in the sunshine of our two little boys. It happened.

The Court of Pennsylvania and the Government of our United States seem determined to carry out their cold blooded plan of brutality and legal murder of Communists!

The list is too long already. Many innocent people have felt in physical torture the brutality of this plant. I abhor its meaning for Andy and our children. It smells of Hitler! It seeks with its purpose of tampering with the minds of all my fellow Americans. Trying to make them think that the lives of Communists are cheap! If we accept it, it follows, as it did in Germany, all human life is cheap!

Andy, with a heart ailment, Steve Nelson and Jim Dolson were framed up in the notorious Pittsburgh Sedition Trial in 1951. Steve and Jim have already been sentenced to 20 years, a life sentence. The court knew that Andy had two heart attacks during that trial. Knew from heart specialists statements that daily appearance at the trial, preparing and conducting his own defense was jeopardizing his life! The court forced Andy's daily appearance at the eight long months of that trial!

In 1951, on the eve of the verdict in the Sedition Trial, Andy was re-arrested under the Smith Act, and thrown into jail. He was not permitted to have his vitally necessary medicine. The grueling preparation for the Smith Act trial confined him to bed for a month after a heart attack.

The remark of the Federal judge upon appeal for severance was, "Onda isn't dead yet," and further ordered Andy out of that sick bed into court.

A few months later, the judge was forced to grant a temporary severance when Andy was rushed to the hospital with another heart attack.

And now, after three years of this cruel inhuman punishment, the court of Pennsylvania intends to impose what to Andy will be the death penalty!

In the name of all that's good and decent in our country, in the name of the right for all life to flourish in love and happiness, I appeal to you to protest against this destroying of human life.

Please wire or write immediately to Judge Henry X. O'Brien, Court House, Pittsburgh, Pa., urging him to postpone the sentencing of Andy on Jan. 5.

Andy joins me in warm holiday greetings, and wishing you and yours a happy life in a future world of peace.

Sincerely,

THERESA ONDA.

## Students at Michigan University Assail Un-Americans' Invasion Plan

DETROIT, Dec. 15—Michigan students, shocked into action by the recent announcement of scheduled Un-American Activities Committee hearings, responded with a chain of protests which was climaxed by a meeting on the University of Michigan campus.

Un-American hearings have been postponed until the first part of 1954. Already students and educators have been subpoenaed.

At Wayne University in Detroit and at the University of Michigan, student debates and forums were held expressing concern on this new threat to freedom of inquiry.

The Student Legislature at Michigan University adopted a policy statement which declared: "Students should be free to hear all points of view on controversial subjects. . . . Administrators, faculty members and students should be protected against dismissal, as well as economic, social and political pressures because of membership in any religious, political, racial or national origin group. Dismissal. . . . should be only for incompetence, neglect of obligations. . . . moral turpitude, violation of academic freedom of others or conviction under the law. . . ."

Harlan Hatcher, president of Michigan University, insisted however, on his witchhunts. He added, "Any student refusing to answer . . . is placed under a heavy burden of proof to explain his actions."

Student Legislature then declared it "believes that any student called to testify . . . should not be subject to charges by the University disciplinary authorities."

Again Hatcher suggested co-operation, so that "we can help these groups do their work and put matters on a calm and even keel."

Student reaction to this pronouncement was editorially expressed in the Michigan Daily, student paper, which said the president's speech was "inconsistent, contradictory, weak and not particularly becoming a University president. . . . President Hatcher knows as well as we that nothing can be done to render the procedures of the Committee calm and on an even keel. On the contrary, they have done everything possible to arouse public opinion to a point of irrational fear and suspicion in which freedom of ideas—something rather pertinent to a University—must either commit suicide or die of strangulation. . . . that Pres. Hatcher's paramount concern does not seem to lie with the educational freedom of his University reveals something very significant about the extent to which outside pressures on a state university are able to dictate its ideology."

Activities of Academic Freedom Week, Nov. 15-22, were organized by a student sub-committee on Academic Freedom, representing 14 major campus organizations, including the Young Democrats, Young Republicans, and the Newman Club (Catholic Student Organization).



# Xmas Amnesties In Many Nations

Christmas amnesties for thousands of prisoners are being reported from all parts of the world.

More than half of Italy's 50,000 prison inmates will be set free between now and Christmas Day under a bill passed by the Chambers of Deputies. Lists of 23,000 to 26,000 prisoners who will be amnestied have already been drawn up, including many political prisoners, of the Left as well as the Right.

In West Germany, war criminals have been included among those amnestied in recent weeks and months on orders of the British, French and U. S. authorities working with the West. Bonn government.

In Argentina, more than 100

prisoners will be amnestied under a bill passed by the Senate and soon to be signed by President Juan Peron. Earlier 103 political prisoners had been amnestied.

The movement for amnesty of political prisoners in the U. S. A. has just begun, but it is gaining headway.

A mass meeting for amnesty for victims of the Smith Act brought together nearly 1,000 persons to Manhattan Plaza, in downtown New York on Thursday night. (See story elsewhere in this issue).

## Fur Shop Chairmen Reject Bosses' Wage Cut Demand

The demand of the Associated Fur Manufacturers Inc., for a 25 percent off-season wage adjustment was rejected last week by unanimous vote of the shop chairmen of the Furriers Joint Council of New York.

The Association's demand was made under the collective agreement that wages may be adjusted.

The shop chairmen were told by Joint Council Manager Joseph Winogradsky that Ben Gold, president of the union, who headed the union's Conference Committee, had introduced the following suggestions:

In view of the critical situation of the industry, the union and the Association should issue a joint

statement to the effect that there will be no wage adjustment during this off-season period.

A jointly sponsored trade label should be used for a fund to promote fur garments.

A joint effort to repeal the 20 percent fur excise tax.

A joint effort to get loans from the government at no interest for needy fur workers and for fur firms in financial difficulties.

The shop chairmen unanimously approved the proposals.

The next conference is set for tomorrow.

## Lawyers' Guild Issues Pamphlet

The National Lawyers Guild announced yesterday the issuance of a 19-page pamphlet, "Appeal to Reason" to provide the "information requisite for informal discussion" of "the implications of the proposal of the Attorney General to list the Guild as 'subversive'."

Copies of the pamphlet are being forwarded to members of the bar, to bar associations, to civic associations, and to public officials including Congressmen.

## Chrysler

(Continued from Page 1) ers can tell their children on Christmas morning?

"On behalf of the UAW-CIO and the Chrysler workers I protest most bitterly this cruel, inhuman and unnecessary treatment of workers by the corporation and renew the union's demand that these laid-off workers be returned to their jobs while the corporation earnestly seeks to learn how to run its business in a humane and socially responsible manner."

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The BUSINESS and EDITORIAL office of the DAILY WORKER will be closed Friday and Saturday, Dec. 25 and 26. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season to all our readers.

## Mrs. Ingram

(Continued from Page 1) tration of the state of Georgia to the plight of Rosalie Ingram.

He heard Mrs. Halois Moorehead Robinson, head of the New York delegation and representing the Committee for Equal Justice, which initiated the journey, ask to present a petition on the Ingram case. Previously the same petition bearing 70,000 names was sent to the Governor.

Then Talmadge spoke. Last year a pre-Christmas delegation saw him only after trailing him to his Lovejoy, Ga., summer home where, dressed in a hunting outfit, he delivered a short angry tirade. His manner with Friday's delegates was considerably subdued.

"NO TIME" "The time is short," he said. "I have no time. At any rate, I do not have the right of pardon, according to the law passed in Georgia in 1945. That power is in the hands of the Pardon and Parole board. Go see them."

As he turned to leave, a Pittsburgh Courier reporter, one of a number of reporters and photographers who sat on tables and ledges in the small room, asked if that were not an "unusual reception" on the part of the governor of Georgia to citizens who came to talk with him. After muttering, "This is an unusual delegation and occasion," the Governor made his getaway.

Promptly the delegates cornered two members of the parole board in their office in the Capitol, who met with the entire delegation in the rotunda, allowed Mrs. Robinson to read the petition and politely heard a number of speakers out, before declaring parole "cannot be considered before November, 1955."

Here in the rotunda the careful checking of delegates which took place prior to the Governor's interview, was not held, and the group of 15 or more local Negro workers listened raptly as the delegates spoke.

Appointments with Talmadge had been arranged in advance by local delegates. In the outer lobby as 1 p.m. approached, a secretary asked each delegate her name, and where from, as such data was typed on individual cards by a typist. Besides this, all were required to sign a register giving full name, house address and home city.

At the door to the governor's office the typed cards were handed to a man at the door, who called each name out as delegates entered. Inside, a secretary wrote it down again, and a man with a camera photographed each delegate.

To the parole board members in the rotunda Mrs. Terrell spoke of Mrs. Ingram, saying, "She has served six long years for a crime which leading legal minds of this country say she did not commit, after a verdict which they declare was on race, not on guilt."

A Negro leader of Atlanta, Mrs. Shively, retired school teacher, said she spoke in the name of 14,000 Negro Episcopalians. She urged pardon "in behalf of all mothers and grandmothers."

A white textile worker from Atlanta, Mrs. Washburn, an officer in the Atlanta Peace Council, declared, "This was no murder, but was justifiable homicide. Had I

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On her bereavement

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Our deepest sympathy to  
Morris and his family  
on the death of his  
MOTHER

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## FUND DRIVE

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A faithful Indiana supporter sends another \$8 and writes: "Another six nails in the coffin of fascism. McCarthy can, and will be stopped. The Worker will help lead the way!"

There is \$10 from Philadelphia, to be credited to Lester Rodney column; and another \$3 from that city. An E. St. Louis reader sends \$1, Dave Platt's column, and from a town in Westchester comes another \$10.

Largest amount for the day came from the fur workers Freedom of the Press Committee, \$143 collected at a forum addressed by Joseph Clark, our former Moscow correspondent.

There was another \$80 from a group of Manhattan professionals, and \$55 from some white collar worker; a printer came through with \$5; there was another \$5 from a Bronx pocketbook worker.

In response to the Communist Party's plea for \$50 from each of its New York sections, the East Bronx area collected \$50. There was \$25 from a Harlem section and \$26 from one on the East Side, as installment on the fifty.

A Bronxite donated \$25 in memory of his wife. There was \$5 from a Queens friend, \$5 from a Brooklyn friends (credited George Morris), \$3.65 from another Brooklynite, \$5 from a Kings Highway (Brooklyn) reader; \$2 from a Lower Harlem supporter.

been in Mrs. Ingram's place I would have been freed."

Astonishment and wonder were registered on the faces of the working women of the Atlanta Negro community, traditionally isolated from liberal movements among whites, at the words of this white Georgia woman, who continued: "If Mrs. Ingram is freed, and remember, gentlemen, she was sentenced by an all-white jury, the honor of Georgia will be enhanced."

Mrs. Ingram's daughter, Mrs. Geneva Rushin, a mother herself, who is caring for the 10 youngest of Mrs. Ingram's 12 living children, declared, "We need our mother home with us."

Karee Morley, actress, Mrs. Terrell and others spoke.

### 'NEED OUR MOTHER'

In contrast to the absence of local participation in last year's delegation to see Mrs. Ingram, the Negro community of Atlanta opened its hearts to the visitors. Some 400 homes were offered to delegates, all listed and available.

The limousines with chauffeurs, in which delegates drove to the Capitol and to and from the Negro YMCA to wash and rest and hold a conference, all were given free by the Negro undertakers of Atlanta.

Later all were guests at a dinner in their honor given by ministers, bankers, Elks' lodges, the Negro daily newspaper, "At Atlanta World, and outstanding business and professional leaders of the Negro community. It was held in Frazier's, a well known Negro night club and eating establishment.

### MRS. McGEE SPEAKS

A highlight was the moving talk by Mrs. Rosalie McGee, widow of the slain Willie McGee, against whose execution by Mississippi a world-wide movement was waged.

Negro and white women were weeping as she spoke, simply of how since her husband's death, "I have dedicated my life to the struggle against the system of jim-

## NLRB to Resume Its Services to Sea Cooks Union

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.

The general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, has informed the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards that it is suspending its order refusing MCS the services of the board. The order had been issued because MCS president Hugh Bryson was indicted on charges of falsely signing the Taft-Hartley non-Communist oath.

Recently a Court of Appeals upheld an injunction preventing the NLRB from taking such action.

### CORRECTION

A typographical error occurred in the last sentence of the Daily Worker report Friday headed, "Charged with Poisoning Parents to Get Estate." The sentence should have read "Fraden and Wepman formerly roomed together at 200 West End Ave. . . ." The Daily Worker regrets the error.

crow and lynch law, to the fight for a world of peace, human dignity and real equality." She spoke of the struggles around McGee, the Martinsville Seven, the Trenton Six, Rosalie Ingram and "countless others."

Representatives of the Chicago local of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers, the St. Louis Peace Council, Sullivan County (New York) NAACP, and Emma Lazarus lodges spoke at the conference.

Mrs. W. A. Scott, publisher of The Atlanta World, welcomed the participation of women of the North in the struggle for Mrs. Ingram's freedom which her paper long had carried on, and declared that now "the women of Georgia will carry on from here."

## Classified Ads

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# Christmas Carols, Songs of Peace —Folk Songs Heard This Week

Two unusual programs of people's songs are scheduled for this week.

Christmas carols and songs for peace from many lands will highlight People's Artists annual Christmas Eve Hootenanny and Dance at Manhattan Center on Thursday, Dec. 24.

Leading the audience in singing and performing songs of the world will be Leon Bibb, Laura Duncan, Lillian Goodman, Elizabeth Knight, Les Pine, Betty Sanders, Pete Seeger and Al Wood. The Trio Juvenil, a group of young Puerto Rican singers, will appear on a Hootenanny for the first time with songs of their people. After the Hootenanny program, the audience will dance to the music of Mel Mack and His Cosmopolitans.

For reservations phone People's Artists, WA 9-3907.

At the end of the week (Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27 at 3) fiddlers, jig dancers and singers from upstate New York will join city musicians in presenting an "Upstate-Downstate Folk Festival" at the Pythian, 135 W. 70.

The Festival will center principally around 'Sojourner Truth', a cantata based on the life of the famous Negro woman abolitionist and fighter for women's rights who lived in the little village of Hurley in the Catskills. This will be the first performance in N. Y. C. of this cantata which was commissioned by Camp Woodland, an interracial camp. It will be sung by the Camp Woodland Chorus directed by Bob DeCormier. The music is by DeCormier. The text is based on actual sayings and speeches of this famous ex-slave.

Also taking part in the Folk Festival will be two upstate farmers, Ernie Sager and John Coss, who will sing, play the fiddle, harmonica and guitar as well as dance jigs.

Pete Seeger and Bob and Louise DeCormier will sing Christmas and Chanukah songs, and Louise Bennett, a Jamaican folk singer, will sing carols of her native island.

In addition, there will be a string performance of Woodland Rondeau by Herbert Haufrecht and a piano performance by Norman Cazden of his Stony Hollow, both works based on Catskill music.

For reservations phone OR 5-4757. The program is suitable for children as well as adults.

The SS Carrol Victory arrived in New York Harbor with 7000 war dead . . . The bodies were buried temporarily overseas. . . Item—New York Times.

## STRANGE CARGO

By DORA TEITELBOIM

By rain not riven, by storm not lashed,  
An angry ocean laughed for very spite  
And with white foaming laughter dashed  
Upon the ship a bloody fall of night.

Heart of the day, the sun, in final pang  
Has drenched horizons in his bloody jets.  
Long is the war at end, stilled is the clang . . .  
Who now rips heaven through with bayonets?

From the wide way a ship has heeled;  
Seven thousand men her fruit.  
Why are the lips of her sailors sealed?  
Who does her captain stand there mute?

Mothers, black and white, arise  
Like tombstones, silence-shrouded.  
One stream of tears flows from their eyes.  
For them the one dead-march is thudded.

Spider night on the port has crept,  
New York, like a burst volcano, flares.  
Recruits to the waiting trains are swept.  
Seven thousand dead haunt the thoroughfares.

The spoilers, wakeful, their night-watch hold,  
While haunched on high yawns the calf of gold.  
Sundered was peace from war, of old—  
But now the fires rage uncontrolled.

Night swallows the harbor; night, headlong  
Blots out the shrouded ship, the ship of sorrow.  
Yet one, on deck, has pierced the veil with song.  
And with this song he waits companions of  
the morrow.

(Translated from the Yiddish by Martha Millet.)

## 'Sambo' Float Theme Changed After Protests

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Inglewood's entry in Pasadena's annual Tournament of Roses parade Jan. 1 will portray the theme, "Rebecca and Sunnybrook Farm," instead of the protested "Little Black Sambo" motif originally announced. The new theme was adopted by the nine-man Inglewood float com-

mittee following protests lodged by the Los Angeles Sentinel, Negro newspaper and The Daily People's World.

Inglewood high school principal Kenneth Hurlbert, a member of the nine man float committee, said that there was some question at first whether Inglewood could substitute a new theme in as much as the "Sambo" float was cancelled on the final day when float themes were due in the Pasadena office of parade officials.

## Tonight's Best Bets on TV, Radio, Music

TV (Monday)  
Rootie Kazootie (7) 6:00 p.m.  
Bob and Ray-comedy (7) 6:45  
Jamie-Brandon De Wilde (7) 7:30.  
Angel Street—Play with Sylvia Sidney (9) 7:30.  
Twenty Questions (5) 8:00.  
Eleanor Steber, Soprano (4) 8:30.  
Big Issue (5) 8:30.  
I Love Lucy (2) 9:00.  
Red Buttons Show (2) 9:30.  
Studio One (2) 10:00. 'Cinderella 53'.  
Boxing (5) 10:00.  
Television Auditions (11) 10:00.  
Steve Allen Show (4) 11:20.  
Film: Suspense (13) 11:30.  
Film: Mask of Dijon (4) 12:05.

### MOVIES

Daring Circus Youth and Chuk and Gek, two new Soviet films. Stanley Theatre, 42 St. and Seventh Ave.

Chaplin's Limelight and Alec Guinness' Kind Hearts and Coronets, 55 St. Playhouse. Today through Thursday.

Little Fugitive, Normandie, 57th St. and 6th Ave.

This Is Cinerama. Warner Theatre, 47 St. & Bway. Twice daily. Special mats. Sat. and Sun.

Julius Caesar. Plaza, 58th & Madison.

Joe Louis Story. Loew's neighborhood theatres.

Lili. Translux, 60 St. & Madison. Martin Luther. Guild, 50 St. & Rockefeller Plaza.

Gilbert and Sullivan. Bijou, 45 St. W. of Bway.

Public Enemy No. 1. Holiday, 47 St. & Bway.

The Living Desert (Disney). Sutton, E. 57 St.

Symphonic Pastorale and Devil in the Flesh, (French). Thalia, 95th & Bway. Today and rest of week.

Justice Is Done (French) Apollo, 42 St.

### DRAMA

Shakespeare's Othello. Jan Hus Auditorium, 351 E. 74 St., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun. evenings.

Kismet. Ziegfeld Theatre, 54 St. and 6th Ave.

Comedy in Music. Victor Borge and his piano. Golden Theatre, 45th W. of Bway.

World of Sholom Aleichem. Barbizon Plaza, 58 St. and Sixth Ave. Nightly except Mon. Mats. Sat., Sun.

The Emperor's Clothes by George Tabori, Greenwich Mews Theatre, 141 W. 13 St. Nightly except Mon. and Fri.

Simpleton of the Unexpected Isles by G. B. Shaw. Davenport Theatre, 27 St. and Lexington Ave. Nightly except Mon.

Shakespeare's Richard III. City Center, 55th St. and 7th Ave.

Madam Will You Walk by Sidney Phoenix Theatre, Second Ave. and 12 St. Nightly except Mon. Mats. Sat and Sun.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**  
Heidi (Movie). Little Carnegie, 57th St. & 7th Ave.

Pecos Bill—the coyote cowboy. Carnegie Recital Hall, 154 W. 57. Dec. 26 through Jan. 3. For reservations call CI 7-1350.

Baber & Peter and the Wolf—Two operas for children. Hunter College Assembly Hall, 69th St. & Park Ave. Dec. 28-29. Phone CI 5-5159. Little Orchestra Society, 35 W. 53.

Puppet Shows. Bill Cook. Village Dance & Puppet Center, 430 Ave. of Americas. Dec. 26-31. Phone WA 9-0485.

Red Riding Hood—play performed by young people. Children's Own Theatre, Metropolitan Duane, 201 W. 13 St. Dec. 26-Jan. 2. Phone PL 7-8300.

Tom Sawyer. Produced by Young People's Theatre, Drama Lab, 115 W. 52 St. Dec. 26-Jan. 3. Phone CO 5-8593.

## on the scoreboard by lester rodney

### This and That . . .

THE YANKEE STADIUM transaction is just a real estate deal much too complicated for people like me to understand. Much easier to dig is the real estate news that the Dodgers have been buying up some parcels of land along Franklin Ave. In a few years, hallelujah, there may be a modern big league baseball park in Brooklyn seating 52,000. Ebbets Field seats 32,000.

Arthur Daley of the Times on the Yankee-Athletic deal which sent Vic Power to Philly. "This is one of those awkward, delicate things that can provoke rabble-rousing. The Yanks never had a Negro ballplayer and have been accused of bias. This, of course, has been denied most vehemently. The Bombers were merely waiting, they claimed, for the right Negro to come along and they refused to be panicked into reaching out blindly for anyone."

Imagine. "Anyone," presumably, included the league leading hitter in the American Association in the middle of this summer when they needed a righthanded hitting sub and went two leagues lower to get one—a white one.

Ah, but here is a new word. "Expert observers say that Howard, a smarter and more tractable performer, will be a better player than Howard in the years to come. As of now, however, little chance of surviving the cutting-down deadline can be given him."

Not only does the Times man introduce "tractable" as a new concept a Negro player must live up to before he can earn his living playing big league ball in the biggest ballpark in the world's biggest city, but he also passes mid-December judgment on Howard's ability to hit, run and field next February at St. Petersburg. One gets you ten thousand that Daley never saw Howard in his life.

Interesting note for Athletic fans: Bill Renna, one of the players coming your way, was at last reading tearing up the Puerto Rico league, third in batting with .343, tops in rbis with 32, with 5 homers, 2 triples and 8 doubles. Look at the records shows he hit a solid .259 with 90 rbis at Kansas City in 1952.

### JOURNALISM DEP'T

JOE NORTH did his usual wonderful writing job in the week-end Workers on the subject of the GI from Minnesota who wrote to his mother that he wasn't coming back home now. But "Journalism Dep't" must submit a sorrowful exception to a couple of word's in Joe's article which went: ". . . in his letter which a nation has read by now."

Would it were so.

Check me please if I'm wrong, but except for the Herald Tribune, which printed the full text of the GI's short letter, all I saw in the papers serving this town of eight million were carefully, oh so carefully, selected excerpts, none of which included the sentence: "I still love my family, my people and my country and whether you are able to understand it now or not believe me when I say that it is for them I'm fighting." Nor, certainly, did radio or TV fill in that gap.

As Joe North wrote, we might wish, while perhaps understanding the young GI's feelings these hectic days, that all Americans come back to their native land. But whether readers of the big newspapers felt that way or not, surely this one sentence from the youngster's letter is all it would take to make hash of the nasty headlines about him "jeering" and "sneering" at his mother and his country. This is what the News, Mirror and company know full well.

Take the New York Post. (No wisecracks, now.) It ran a big five-column headline, like this:

### "WHERE DID I FAIL?", MOTHER SOBS AS FW JEERS AT U.S.

Under the headline was a long story, running up and down two full columns of type. But the part about his loving his family and his country could not be found. "His letter renounced life in the U.S. and heaped scorn on his country," the story said. Even the few words in which he said he would be glad to see his mother were carefully chopped off the beginning of a sentence.

It wasn't for lack of space, for the Post found room for a couple of hundred words of baloney on the subject by one John Chapple, who announced he was once "a Communist" in 1927 and thus made the papers. What this crackpot says is "news," but the words of the central figure in the story himself saying that he loves the people and the country he is not coming back to, this is not news. Such is the frantic, unprincipled journalism of 1953. And that is why we can't rely these days on the nation reading what it ought to be reading, but must move OUR paper in wider and wider circles.

For instance, to be practical in a small way, I know a couple of Post readers who view some things quite differently from Worker readers but are really honest people reasonably open to documented truths. Now after seeing what they read in the Post I want to make sure to show them The Worker with Joe North's article, which contains the calm, unanswerable, full truth.

The Post presumably is not happy to have to scuttle the elementary traditions of decent American journalism like this, for even when a few find out it hurts them irreparably. But that's exactly how fearful the Post is of its readers seeing just this little bit of headline-demolishing fact, why columnist Max Lerner the next day wrote an unctuous piece about the GI and also dared not include the GI's most important words. The importance they put on keeping facts from their readers should be our guide to the importance of getting facts to their readers, and readers of other papers.

It is a historic truth that such dirty journalism can't prevail over truth in the long run, but let's shorten the run.

### \$\$\$\$\$ Acknowledgements

WE ARE STILL in business for (and still getting) contributions to help complete the paper's knock down, drag out \$60,000 fund drive. Thanks to "a couple of friends" in Philly for \$10; and kind words about the column. They also write, "Everyone for the last few years from Winchell to the man at the newsstand has insisted that The Worker will fold. The phony predictions have not come to pass and for this we are greatly indebted to you and the rest of the staff . . . the best of everything for the New Year."

Also \$12 from some ILGWU workers, \$1, \$8, and \$30 from three Brooklyn readers "to the best sports writer, best paper and fighter for peace . . .", \$5 from St of Kings Highway for what he calls "the best sports column in the business" and the wonderful PRN's 15th \$2 contribution.

Previously acknowledged	\$1,839
Today	68
Total	1,907



# Viet Nam Republic Marks 7th Year with Peace Offer

Daily Worker Foreign Department

President Ho Chi Minh of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam observed the occasion of the seventh anniversary of the war in Indo-China with a Dec. 16 radio offer to negotiate an armistice, it was learned over the weekend. The anniversary was Dec. 19.

Ho Chi Minh declared:

"If the French Government wants to have an armistice in Viet Nam through negotiations and to settle the Viet Nam problem by peaceful means, the People's Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam will be ready to talk with the French Government."

The peace proposal, broadcast by the Peking radio, followed an earlier proposal made through the Swedish newspaper Expressen. It preceded two developments which will affect the prospect of peace or continued war in Indo-China.

On Dec. 17, the French Parliament balloted on candidates for President of France. After the selection of a President, a new government will be formed, and its policy on the Viet Nam question may be foreshadowed by the President chosen.

On the same day, the entire Cabinet of "Emperor" Bao Dai resigned. Led by Premier Nguyen Van Tam, the ministers quit over refusal of the French puppet ruler to agree to negotiations with Ho Chi Minh. Bao Dai instantly appointed his cousin, Prince Buu Loc, another rubber-stamp of the French imperialists who is Bao Dai's high commissioner in Paris, to form a new government. But the resignation of the Cabinet added weight to the Vietminh contention that Bao Dai has become isolated from his people, is responsible to no electorate, and derives his main support from American imperialism.

## L'HUMANITE COMMENTS

Ho Chi Minh's repetition of his offer followed a French Foreign Ministry announcement that no formal proposal for peace negotiations had been received. The Foreign Office declared it did not consider newspaper articles and radio addresses to be an official proposal.

Commenting on Ho Chi Minh's first offer, as reported in Expressen the French Communist Party organ L'Humanite declared on Dec. 1 that "in order to start negotiations, it is necessary to end at once the swaggers that do not dupe anyone in Viet Nam. It is necessary to admit that negotiations must start with a powerful adversary and a regular government."

The newspaper added that "the French ruling circles pretended, several times before, that they cannot find a way to enter into negotiation because nothing was pro-



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posed to them. This is incorrect. Since the beginning of the hostilities, the door has been left open for negotiations."

"In the first place," said L'Humanite, "our colonialists talk in an absolutely unreasonable tone. They speak as if they were the victor. The truth is that not only are the Viet Nam people completely able to win, but that never has their military situation been so good. If need be, they may... strengthen themselves in the years to come, for a democratic army has with it the masses of the country, and is an armed nation itself."

L'Humanite's assertions were

subsequently corroborated by a survey of French losses in the seven-year-old conflict, issued by the Viet Nam News Agency. The report declared that from December 19, 1946 to November 29, 1953, it was established that at least 245,352 enemy soldiers had been killed and 74,674 captured.

War trophies captured by the Viet Nam people's forces in the period amount to 154 artillery pieces, 275 recoilless guns and bazookas, 714 mortars, 143 heavy machineguns, 709 machineguns, 5,150 light machineguns, 11,221 submachineguns, 70,038 rifles, 746 pistols, 120 motor vehicles, 11,240 tons of ammunition and 653 wireless sets.

The people's forces also destroyed 258 airplanes, 200 artillery pieces, 250 locomotives, 928 coaches, 6,092 motor vehicles and 523 tanks millions of litres of petrol and many thousands of tons of ammunition.

## CASUALTY RATE

The report adds that French casualties averaged 2,460 a month taking the period from the inception of Viet Nam's armed resistance up to September 1950.

From then, the average casualties, down to the battle of Hoa Binh in November 1951, rose to 4,736 a month.

The rate of casualties increased to 5,164 in the period from November to October 1952 and again rose to 6,132 a month in the period from October 1952 to November 1953.

## GOP Parley

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a Brownell, who did not even hesitate to impute "disloyalty" to former President Truman, such legislation can be expected to produce a whole crop of stoop-pigeons to indict every GOP critic for the most heinous "crimes." It is seen as an attempt to provide "legal" sanction to the process of changing Congressional committees from legislative bodies to prosecuting agencies.

Main purpose of the wiretap proposal is seen as an effort to facilitate frame-ups and to keep "spy" hysteria alive. It has been pointed out that there are sample laws on the books to convict anybody guilty of espionage, with the slightest amount of tangible evidence. The fact is that no evidence of actual espionage has been produced despite the headlines. Even McCarthy's much ballyhooed investigation of "espionage" at Fort Monmouth, N. J., has now been watered down by the Wisconsin fuhrer to an inquiry into "potential espionage."

The White House conferences have thus concluded as a triumph for the McCarthyites and a personal victory for McCarthy himself who has insisted that the fraudulent fight against "subversion" and

"espionage" must be the main issue for 1954.

Nothing but meaningless generalities emerged on all other issues, especially on issues affecting the economic welfare and peace of the nation. Here is a resume, according to the daily White House communiques:

- **TAXES:** Announced that the excess profits tax and the 11 percent increase in income taxes will expire in January. These reductions will not benefit working people, some of whom will even pay more as a result of scheduled increases in social security taxes.

- **CIVIL RIGHTS:** The President announced he would ask for no civil rights legislation.

- **FARM CRISIS:** Sen. George D. Aiken, chairman of the Agriculture Committee, announced there was "more discussion than decision."

- **FOREIGN POLICY CRISIS:** Sen. Alexander Wiley, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said all discussion was held "tentatively" and no hard decisions had been reached.

- **SOCIAL SECURITY:** The President said he was for expanded coverage but key Republican Congressmen indicated there was little chance of such a move.

- **"LAYOFFS:** The issue was not even dealt with. Officially it didn't even exist.

## Dewey

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take "decisive steps" in this matter?

6—Under the Dewey regime former GOP office-holders and ex-state officials "from former state chairman to the former national committeeman" make a "steady stream" of lobbyists, special favor-seekers and "winners of lush contracting plums."

"What is Governor Dewey's explanation of this unsavory practice?"

Balch was referring here to former GOP state chairman Pfeiffer and J. Russell Sprague, Nassau County leader and national committeeman, the former a top lobbyist now as head of the U. S. Hoffman Machine Corp. and the latter revealed as stock holder in the harness racing scandal.

7—Why did Dewey permit his Insurance Commissioner to maintain a "family interest" in a large insurance brokerage firm as well as holding a lucrative private law practice?

8—"And while he is about it, Gov. Dewey might end all the nagging doubts, mystery and rumors and make a clean breast of his reasons for the commutation of the sentence of Charles (Lucky) Luciano, the notorious dope peddler?"

Balch reiterated charges by National Chairman Stephen Mitchell that Dewey was seeking to divert public attention from the scandals and corruption of his own administration and "among" his close political associates. But while Mitchell attacked Dewey's defense of Attorney General Brownell's "spy" conspiracy against former President Truman, Balch limited himself only to the governor's refusal to accept his (Balch's) offer of radio and television time to answer Democratic accusations.

On Dec. 14 Dewey sneered at Balch's offer and cited Tammany corruption.

Balch said this was the governor's way of "covering up his own very serious and very shocking official shortcomings with smoke-screens and false issues."

## Hope Dims for Nine Airmen on Glacier

REYJAVIK, Iceland, Dec. 20—Airmen saw no signs of life today when they flew over the wreckage of U. S. Navy Neptune which crashed atop a glacier Thursday with nine men aboard.



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## Atom Plan

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to offering reciprocity partly because British scientific developments make cooperation advantageous to the U. S."

THE POINT is well taken, and I think it applies also to Eisenhower's seeming willingness to hold private negotiations under UN auspices with the Soviet Union, if Eden's words are taken at face value.

To be honest with ourselves, we have to question whether this apparent eagerness for negotiations is attributable to a real change of heart and intention, or to the possibility that the Soviet Union, like Britain, also has forged ahead of the U. S. in defensive interceptor weapons and industrial application of atomic energy.

It is extremely important how we answer this question. If we regard Eisenhower's proposal as a sudden change of heart to a policy of "generosity" and "altruism" we may be inclined to let things take care of themselves, in the belief that our own individual and national interests are being safeguarded and advanced by the Eisenhower Administration.

But if, on the other hand, we view it as a maneuver by the agents of the country's big trusts to compensate for their loss of a monopoly in both atomic weapons and industrial atomic developments, then our individual and national interests can only be safeguarded by our intervention in the matter.

This column holds to the latter view, and for reasons which I will offer next time.

## Winter Program Expanded at Jeff School

An expanded program for the winter term of the Jefferson School of Social Science, beginning Jan. 18, was announced this week. There will be 81 10-session classes, plus several new sections of the 30-week Institute of Marxist Studies.

Courses have been added on special theoretical problems in political economy, philosophy and the arts.

A new feature of the catalog is a section on "Selection of Courses."

## What's On?

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